

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Examiner's September 17, 2003 Official Action and respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following comments.

Claim 11 has been canceled. Claims 1-10 remain in the application for consideration.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings, applicant has;

1. canceled claim 11 to eliminate the "scale length" feature;

2. identified element 86 on page 7, line 9 of the specification; and

3. identified elements 317, 52, 53, 54, 501, 61, 62 and 63 in the drawings and new Fig. 9.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objection to the drawings have been overcome.

In response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, applicant has submitted new Fig. 9 showing a transverse cross-section through cutters 50 and 60 and made corresponding amendments to the specification explaining the operation of cutters 50 and 60 relative to other elements operating with the cutters.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has been overcome.

In response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 2, 4-6, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, applicant has amended the claims to eliminate each of the problems identified by the Examiner.

The Examiner has further rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniels in view of Liu. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection on the basis of the claims as amended.

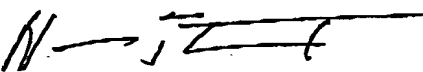
In Daniels, the die assembly 22 has two slots 128 and 130 at different elevations; one of the two slots can be moved to correspond to the only one cutting blade 138, as recited in column 10, line 18-20, for cutting operation. Accordingly, when the user intends to cut the upper slot 128, the Daniel die assembly 22 has to be moved downwards until the elevation of the cutting blade is correctly positioned. When the user intends to cut the lower slot 130, the Daniel die assembly 22 has to be moved upwards until the elevation of the cutting blade 138 is correctly positioned. Accordingly, the foregoing up/down operation of the Daniel's die assembly 22 is complicated.

In comparison, each mold of the claimed invention corresponds to each cutter. When the power is turned on, each of the cutters can be driven to cut part of the blind of the mold positioned at any elevation to facilitate and simplify the cutting operation of the claimed invention.

Applicant submits that the invention is new and unobvious and not disclosed by the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's early review and issuance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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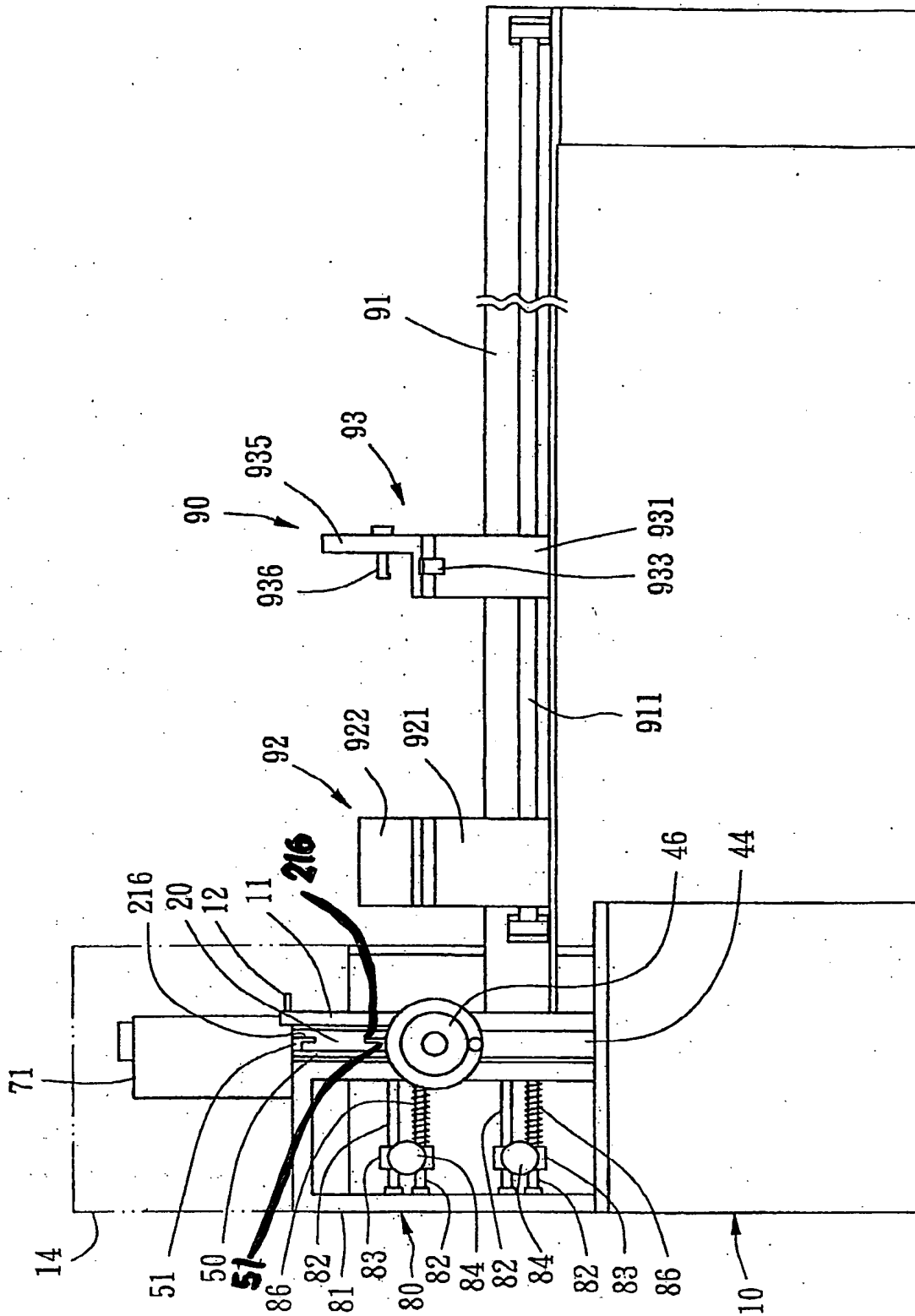


FIG. 2

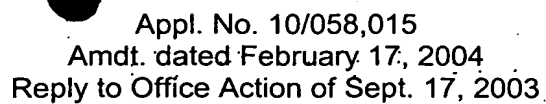


FIG. 5